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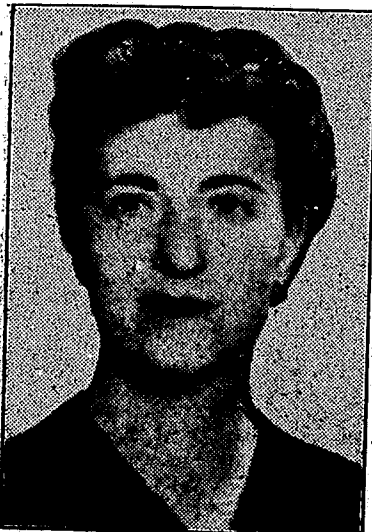
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Foreign Policy Expert Urged for Peace Table



Vera M. Dean

DR. VERA M. DEAN, research director of the Foreign Policy Association, who speaks seven languages and holds honorary degrees from several American universities, is the woman best qualified to sit on the U. S. delegation at the peace table, according to the Woman's Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace. Mrs. Dean polled first in a poll of members from forty-one states. Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Clara Booth Luce were among the runners-up.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Gilbert LeClair was in Boston the first of the week on business. Miss Helen Varner spent the week end at her home in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Dock are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powers of South Portland spent the week end in Newry.

Cpl. Warren M. Powers and wife of Kansas are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers of Newry.

Miss Margaret Lundy of Pennsylvania, a former teacher at Gould Academy, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers.

Miss Marjorie Thompson, who has been a guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Lou Chapman, returned to her home in Idaho, Sunday.

Miss Alice Bennett and Miss Ida Lee Clough returned Saturday to Troy, N. Y. where they are students at Russell Sage College.

Mrs. Guy Swan returned home Monday from the Rumford Community Hospital where she has been a patient the past three weeks.

Li (J) Charles Keoske leaves today for Lake City, Fla. for further orders. Mrs. Keoske and daughter, Carol, are remaining with her mother for the duration.

The Lions Club met at Bethaven Monday evening, January 22. Rev. John Foster was the speaker. His subject was "Propaganda." The next meeting will be February 12. Fred Merrill and Ellery Park are the program committee.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. French were Mrs. Esther Williamson and Richard Williamson of Upton, Misses Phyllis Williamson and Virginia Herrick of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Sweet of Gray.

RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—Red Stamps 5 through X-5 in Book Four, now good for 10 points each. Red tokens, worth one point each, used as change. No termination dates set. None will be invalidated before March 1. Next red stamps expected to be validated Jan. 28. Consumers now have 50 red points per book per month, instead of 30 as formerly.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps X-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through G-2 in Book Four now good for 10 points each. No termination dates set. None will be invalidated before March 1. Next blue stamps, expected to be validated Feb. 1.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamp No. 34, in Book Four, good for five pounds. It is expected that a new sugar stamp will be validated Feb. 1.

FUEL OIL—Period Four and Period Five coupons of 1943-44 issue and Period One, Period Two and Period Three coupons of 1944-45 issue valid to Aug. 31. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—A-14 coupons good for four gallons each, through March 21. B-5, C-6, B-6 and C-6 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice. Write new car registration number on front of gas ration book—cross out old one. It is not necessary to change registration numbers on coupons. Applicants for all gas rations must now present mileage ration records to local boards with applications.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely.

MEN AND WOMEN CENSUS ENUMERATORS NEEDED

An urgent appeal for additional enumerators to assist in taking the 1945 Census of Agriculture in Oxford County was issued today by J. Hermann Gellinas, local supervisor for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. A number of vacancies for the Census field force in this county must be filled at once, Mr. Gellinas said, in order to assure the completion of the field work before the end of March, the deadline for reporting results to the Washington office of the Census Bureau for inclusion in the nationwide totals urgently needed by the Federal government. Separate reports will also be issued for each county and state totals will be published for each state.

Applicants for appointment as enumerators are urged by Mr. Gellinas to get in touch with him by mail or telephone this week at Census headquarters for this district at City Building, Biddeford. The telephone number of the Census office is 238-K or if they prefer, those interested may leave their names with Herbert Leonard, county agricultural agent for Oxford County, at Odd Fellows Hall, South Paris. The county agent may be reached by calling Norway 342 or 200.

The following statement was issued from Washington by Census Director J. C. Capt:

"The 1945 farm census is an important contribution to the war effort in that the summing up of the facts collected from farmers by the Census enumerators will provide accurate information on the all-out effort of American agriculture toward production for war at the peak.

"These statistics are urgently needed by the War Food Administration, by the Department of Agriculture and by manufacturers and agricultural products. The information is used in planning the further prosecution of the war and in making preparations for reconstruction and the post-war years.

"The last national farm census was taken in 1939, covering the crop year of 1939. Since that time, farm statistics urgently needed by the government and industry have been developed through estimates, tied back to the actual tabulated totals for 1939. However, much has happened since the last enumeration; changes in agriculture have been so great that a new benchmark is needed for the guidance in future estimates.

"In order that the 1945 farm census may produce statistics of maximum value the enumeration of all farms must be accurate and complete.

"This can only be accomplished by obtaining the services of capable men and women in every county throughout the United States in sufficient numbers to get the job done speedily and efficiently. For this work the enumerators will be paid a reasonable rate, but said rates cannot be high enough to compete with the actual wages of the Census Bureau does not want to hire people away from any activity essential to the prosecution of the war on the fighting front, and on the home front. But there are many people in every county in this country who are not now so employed, whose services for a few weeks as enumerators for the farm census will be a distinct contribution to the war effort."

METHODIST CHURCH IN DRIVE FOR WAR RELIEF FUND

The trustees of the Bethel Methodist Church, with Leslie Davis as chairman, are completing preparations for the raising of \$500 for war relief and reconstruction. This amount will go to the denominational agencies to help war victims. Solicitation for contributions will begin next week. Earl Davis is campaign treasurer.

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MRS. JENNIE A. BOSSERMAN

On the morning of Jan. 21 occurred the death of Mrs. William B. Bosserman. Born in West Paris Nov. 19, 1864, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perry of that town, she married Mr. Bosserman more than 50 years ago. After a few years of living in Norway and Boston they came to Bethel in the fall of 1905 and purchased a home on Church Street.

Four years ago Mrs. Bosserman fell in her home and received an injury from which she never recovered. Years of suffering have been met with courage and cheerfulness.

A person of retiring nature, Mrs. Bosserman's happiness and joy have been in her home and family. She was a housekeeper of the old school and this talent she combined with home making. Her devotion and pride were in her husband and her daughter and son-in-law.

She loved and appreciated flowers in the garden and in the house. During her tedious years of confinement to her room or bed, cut flowers provided by her loving family and neighbors have given her constant pleasure.

Private funeral services were conducted by Rev. John J. Foster on Tuesday of this week and burial was in the family lot at Woodland Cemetery.

Rest in peace, sweet gentle spirit, Throned above, Souls like thine with God inherit Life and love.

MRS. ELMER J. STEARNS

Mrs. Grace Eagle Stearns passed away at her home at Northwest Bethel, Thursday, January 18 after several years of ill health.

She was born in Newry, Oct. 5, 1891, the daughter of John C. and Minnie Abbott Eagle.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Stearns, seven children, Newton of Portland, Paul, who is in the service in Italy, Beatrice (Mrs. Henry Wisk of Portland), Robert, Arlene, John and Mary of Bethel; three grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held from Greenleaf's funeral home Sunday afternoon. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

ALBERT D. PARK

Albert D. Park of South Paris died last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Hilda Lade of Newry, where he had been cared for the past few weeks.

He was Register of Probate of Oxford County for 40 years, and had been superintendent of schools in Dixfield, Hartford, and Paris. He was the third in a family line of auctioneers.

He was born in Dixfield Sept. 10, 1857, the son of Henry W. and Elizabeth Phelps Park. He attended Bethel Academy; Manchester, N. H. High School, and graduated from Hebron Academy in 1878. He also attended Bates College.

Mrs. Park, the former Emma Robinson, died in May 1944. They observed their 44th wedding anniversary the preceding November.

Mr. Park was a Past Master of South Paris Lodge, F & A M, a 32nd degree Mason, a Past Grand of Mt. Zion Lodge, I O O F, a member of Hamlin Lodge, K of P, Paris Grange, and the Maine Historical Society.

Surviving are a grand-nephew who has lived most of his life with Mr. Park, Dr. Stephen D. Russell; a brother, Ellery C. Park of Bethel; three sisters, Mrs. T. M. Stevens and Mrs. A. E. Small of Mexico and Mrs. H. C. Rolfe of Rumford; a grandniece, Mrs. Shirley Irish of Cape Elizabeth.

Funeral services were held from the Hux Funeral Home, South Paris, Saturday afternoon. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, East Newry, next spring.

ORDER LADINO SEED EARLY

Due to the extensive use which is being made of ladino in this state and other dairy sections, farmers who want to be sure of their supply for 1945 should place their order at once. The fact that there is a limited supply and an increasing demand points quite conclusively that there might be a shortage of ladino seed to be planted this spring. Dairy farmers are encouraged to contact their local seed dealers and place their orders early and if they are unable to obtain seed, county Extension agents will be able to assist them in locating a source.

FRANKLIN GRANGE

Franklin Grange of Bryant Pond met Saturday evening, January 20th. Every officer present.

The charter was draped for Lewis W. Farnum.

Committee on Resolutions, Miss Margaret Howe, Mrs. Inez Whitman and Fred M. Cole.

Program: Song, Onward Christian Soldiers.

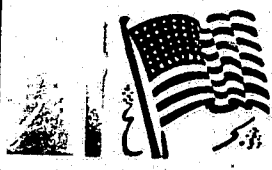
Roll Call, What shall we work for the coming year?

Song, "An Irish Lullaby," encore "Don't Fence Me In," Margaret Howe and Beatrice Judkins.

Aims of the Lecturer for 1945, Rena F. Howe.

Talk, Our Foreign Relations as it regards Soviet Russia.

Corp. Fred Judkins.



Alanson R. Cummings, C. MoMn, arrived home at West Paris on a 30 day furlough after a 2 1/2 year absence in the Pacific area, Wednesday of last week.

Pvt. Donald Pike has been calling on friends and relatives in West Paris. He has been in five missions.

Word was recently received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Judkins of Upton that Lt. Albert E. Judkins has just been in the West Indies during one of his trips from Texas where he is stationed.

A. R. Cummings, C. M. M. U. S. N. R., who has been in the S. W. Pacific for 32 months is spending a 20 day furlough with his wife and daughter at his home at West Paris.

Pvt. Howard Inman has been recently transferred from the Medical Corps to the Infantry.

Wilfred Coolidge, S. 1-c is at home from Oceanside, California on a ten day leave.

Word has been received that Pvt. Bradley Hall has arrived in England.

Pvt. Gustavus Kennaugh, who has been stationed in Iran the past twenty months has been awarded the good conduct medal.

Charles J. Brown of No Newry has enlisted in the Navy and is stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

Pvt. Daniel Sawyer has arrived recently in England.

Everett Chase, son of Mrs. Sadie Chase, and Edward Mason, son of Glenn Mason, formerly of Bethel, are in the same Army Hospital in England, both recovering from injuries received in France.

William V. Robertson SK (RM) was cited with his Communications Unit for meritorious and efficient performance of duty during the Guam operations from July 21 to August 10.

Pvt. Mary K. Thurston is serving as priorities and traffic clerk in the first WAC detachment to be stationed at LaGuardia Field.

Pvt. Raymond Holt has been awarded the Purple Heart. He is now in a hospital recovering slowly from wounds received in Germany. He was given a party by Red Cross Girls on his 21st birthday, December 15.

DISTRICT DAIRY MEETING TO BE HELD JAN. 29, 30, 31, FOR OXFORD COUNTY DAIRYMEN

The dates have been announced for the first series of district dairy meetings to be held in Oxford County, for 1945. These meetings will be held at South Paris, Fryburg, and Rumford on January 29, 30 and 31.

Dr. J. Franklin Witter, veterinarian at the College of Agriculture at Orono, will discuss the topic "Calf Diseases and Their Control." Many Oxford county dairymen recall the instructive and helpful talks given by Dr. Witter last winter and he is returning to Oxford County to discuss a new subject that is of vital interest and importance to every livestock farmer, whether he raises cattle for beef or milk production.

Also featured on the same program will be a colored motion picture entitled "Haying Methods in Maine." This film was taken last summer in haying season and shows scenes taken on several Oxford county farms. Gus McLaughlin, Extension Economist, will discuss in relation to the picture ways of using labor more efficiently and will bring out time saving methods that can be put into effect on many farms.

H. A. Leonard, County Agent, will discuss some of the current items which should be given immediate attention now such as ordering of fertilizer and grass seed, particularly ladino, fast milking and mastitis control.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Jan. 29, South Paris Grange Hall, Supper 7:15; Meeting 8:00 p.m. Jan. 30, Fryburg Cen. IOOF Hall, Supper 7:15; Meeting 8:00 p.m. Jan. 31, South Rumford Community Hall, Meeting 7:45 p.m.

Those who are planning on attending the meeting and who will be there for supper are urged to notify the County Agent, South Paris, (Tel. Norway 342) by card or telephone in order that arrangements for the supper may be made to insure everyone having a supper and also to insure against having a lot of food go to waste.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings regardless of their business or where they live and are urged to bring interested guests with them.

Food Sale

at **BROOKS' STORE** Benefit of P. T. A.

SAT., JAN. 27 3-5 p.m. Cakes, Cookies, Doughnuts, Rolls, Pies, Baked Beans

Gould Defeats Bridgton In Return Game; Loses Twice

GOULD 34-BRIDGTON 15

In a return engagement at Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton, the Gould quintet gained revenge for its earlier defeat, in an overtime ball with the five starting players all entering into the scoring. Archie Young did an excellent job in holding Bridgton's star forward, Siner, to three baskets. Wayne Allen also played well, starting his first game as a regular.

Free throws by Lyon and Young, along with field goals by W. Allen and Lawry, sent Gould into a 6-3 lead at the quarter. It was in the second period, however, that the "Blue and Gold" team really salted away the game as they outscored their opponents 15-2 to lead at the half by a 21-5 score.

GOULD (34)
Lr. Lawry 2 6 10
Rr. Norwood 0 0 0
W. W. Allen 3 0 6
Lr. Emery 0 0 0
C. Lyon 2 1 5
Rg. Young 0 0 0
Jg. K. Allen 3 2 6
Total 12 10 34

BRIDGTON ACADEMY (15)
Rr. Siner 3 0 6
Rr. A. Denison 0 0 0
Lr. Gregware 0 0 0
Lr. Chapman 2 0 4
C. Wallace 0 0 0
J. Denison 0 4 4
Lr. Davis 0 1 1
Jg. Brackett 0 0 0
Jg. Filbeckson 0 0 0
Total 5 5 15

Score by periods:
Gould 6 21 30 34
Bridgton 3 5 9 15
Referee—Gardiner Morrill

DOCK-DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis of Bethel announce the marriage of their daughter, Ensign Phyllis Davis (NC) U. S. N. R., to Norman H. Dock SF 2c U. S. N. R. on January 4, 1945 in Jamaica, L. I., New York. Mrs. Dock was attended by Ensign Ellen Louise Armstrong (NC) U. S. N. R. of Montgomery, Pa.

Mrs. Dock was graduated from Gould Academy in 1936 and from New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, in 1940.

Mr. Dock was born in North Bergen, N. J., and was graduated from New Jersey schools. He served 18 months in the South Pacific where he received injuries during enemy attack. He recently received a medical discharge from Lido Beach, N. Y.

The couple will reside at Woodstock, N. Y.

LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary were guests of the Legion for a delicious oyster stew supper Tuesday night. Fourteen members were present.

Following the supper a business meeting was held. The committee reported two quilts had been completed and one sold. Tickets on the War Bond for 2nd District were sold.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Irving French's, preceded by a pot luck supper. An Americanism program in charge of Mrs. French will be presented.

PASSENGER TRAIN DELAYED

East bound passenger train No. 16 was delayed about five hours Wednesday evening between South Bethel and Locke Mills when a drive wheel came off, breaking steam pipes and making it necessary to draw the fire. Forty-eight passengers were transferred to Lewiston by the Gould Academy and Chadbourne buses.

CONGREGATIONAL GUILD

The Guild met Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Harriett Merrill. Committees were appointed to help with the parish supper tables, Mrs. Celia Gorman, Mrs. Nellie Foster and Mrs. Louise Lothrop; Dishes, Mrs. Maude Farwell, Miss Helen Varner, Miss Harriett Merrill, Miss Carrie Wight, Miss Connie Philbrick, Mrs. Olive Lurvey and Mrs. Jan Kneeland.

A very interesting program was enjoyed. A discussion of outstanding books led by Mrs. R. R. Tibbets, Questions and answers of Current Events, piano solo, Miss Ann Griggs; Parts of letters written by Lt. Norris Brown, who is in the Philippines, read by Mrs. Brown; showin of souvenirs from war areas.

The next meeting will be held at the Legion Rooms with a pot luck supper. Committees, Mrs. Eugene Van, Mrs. Henry Bennett and Mrs. E. O. Donahue, A Valentines program will be presented.

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NORWAY 22-GOULD 21

Gould dropped a hard fought battle to Norway high last Friday on Norway's small court. It was a bitter battle, with the heavier bigger Norway team coming out on top. Only for a spill in the third period, when Kerm Allen suddenly found his eye and dropped four baskets in rapid succession, did Gould have a chance. This sent the locals into a 16-12 lead but this brief lead was short-lived as N. Twitchell countered with four baskets in a row for Norway.

Gould's two guards, K. Allen and Archie Young, scored 18 of their team's 21 points. Twitchell and Millett led the Norway team's offense.

SOUTH PARIS 22-GOULD 15

Gould Academy dropped its second conference game in a week losing to the South Paris Cardinals 22-15. Gould led at the half 9 to 5 but went all to pieces in the last period when Stearns broke loose to score the last six baskets of the game.

The home team scored only three field goals in the wild effort to stay in the game. The lack of real scoring ability on the "Blue and Gold" squad especially the forwards and centers have handicapped the team all year. Thus far this season the guards have scored 75 points, the forwards 48 and the centers 19.

The winner's big star was Stearns, who made 14 of his team's 22 points.

GOULD (15)
Rr. Lawry 0 0 2
Rr. Siner 0 0 0
Lr. Emery 0 0 0
W. W. Allen 0 0 0
Lr. Robertson 0 2 2
C. Lyon 0 1 1
Rg. Young 2 1 5
Jg. K. Allen 3 9 15
Total 9 11 22

Score by Periods—
GOULD 9 11 15
S. PARIS 3 5 12 22
Referee—Morrill

GOULD J V's WIN THREE IN A ROW

The Gould J Vs won 21-8 over the Bridgton J Vs and annexed a 20-15 win over Norway last week. Cole, Ted Young and Wight led the scoring with six points each against Bridgton. In the Norway game Davis, Marshall, and Wight led the scoring with each getting the same six points apiece. Parsons, who hasn't been doing much scoring has been improving his play as guard.

In the third game played last Wednesday the understudies showed great improvement trimming the South Paris J Vs, 31-11. Wight different men got into the scoring column with Stigwell leading with eight points.

Friday night at 7:15 the Gould J Vs tackle Bryants' Pond High School in the field house while the Gould Varsity travels to Old Orchard.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Donahue are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Arlene Janet, to T-Sgt. Albert W. Weymouth, U. S. Army Air Forces. Miss Donahue is a graduate of Gould Academy, and attended Bliss Business College, Lewiston. She is now employed in the office of the Androscoggin Mills, Lewiston.

Sgt. Weymouth is the son of Mrs. Henry Sanderson of No. Waterford. Prior to entering the service in July, 1942, he was employed by C. B. Cummings & Son at Norway. After serving eleven months with the 8th Air Force in England he returned to this country in June 1944 and is now an instructor at Chautau Field, Ill.

No date has been set for the wedding.

BASKETBALL

WED., JANUARY 31
GOULD ACADEMY
vs
MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL
at 8:15
PRELIMINARY GAME
AT 7:15
Admission 35c

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

2,000,000 Russ Strike Nazis; Yanks Drive Inland on Luzon; Set Up New Deferment Policy

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union, and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



In what the Germans may be the decisive phase of the European war, the Russians launched a general full-scale offensive along the long eastern front, as indicated by arrows, attacking northward from East Prussia to Southern Poland. At the same time, the Reds pushed forward into Czechoslovakia. Main Russian effort was concentrated below Warsaw on route to Krakow, with the Germans forced to give up forward positions under the sustained pressure of the Red attacks, prepared by the heaviest of artillery bombardment.

PACIFIC: Move Inland

As carrier planes from Adm. Halsey's Third Fleet ranged the South China sea to smash Japanese shipping that could bring reinforcements and supplies to the Philippines, U.S. ground forces under command of Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger continued to move inland on Luzon in their drive for Manila.



Gen. Krueger

Only to the eastward did the Yanks encounter stiff Japanese resistance, with Jap armored columns, using baby tanks, lashing at the left flank of General Krueger's forces in an effort to check a drive that could bottle up sizable enemy units to the northeast.

In the early absence of appreciable enemy strength southward toward Manila, Yank columns took full advantage of the minor resistance to securely fasten their hold on a network of highways leading from their supply dumps at Lingayen Gulf for the great battle shaping.

In penetrating the Japs' inner life-line in the South China sea, Admiral Halsey's carrier planes not only attacked enemy shipping bearing supplies to the Philippines, 1,100 miles away, but also bombed their sources of supply along the Chinese mainland to the west.

DRAFT PLAN: For 26 to 29

With the pool of 18 to 25 year olds dwindling, and with the services inconsistent on the use of younger men, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes traced out the course to be followed in the induction of industrial workers in the 26 to 29 class without impairing the production effort.

Under Byrnes' formula, 26 to 29-year-olds not in essential activities would be the first to go. They would be followed by those engaged in relatively unimportant positions in essential or critical industries, who can be easily replaced. Finally, those in more important jobs in essential and critical industries would be inducted.

Meanwhile, some 365,000 deferred farm workers between 18 and 25 years of age began receiving their pre-induction physicals, preparatory to local boards' review of the cases of those found fit for the services.

CIGARETTES: Trade Rationing

In the first broad attempt at private rationing during the war by a trade, the National Association of Tobacco Distributors drew up a plan under which the 1,250,000 retail outlets they serve would issue cards cigarette purchases to assure an equitable supply for all.

Framed after shortages had pinched many communities, the distributors' plan did not meet without criticism, with an official of the National Association of Retail Druggists declaring that no such private rationing was necessary if members were given their wartime allotments instead of smaller and smaller amounts.

Eight-seven per cent of the retail outlets would be affected by the plan, with exceptions including the chain stores, which buy direct from manufacturers and take 8 per cent of supplies, and hotels, railroads and other places serving travelers and normally selling 5 per cent of stocks.

ON ROAD TO MANILA

The road to Manila, which American forces broke open with landings on the gulf of Lingayen, lies through the great central plains of Luzon. A broad open corridor 40 miles wide and hemmed in by mountains, this region is one of the most populous and normally productive areas of the Philippines, with many small farms spreading a mosaic over the face of the land.

EUROPE: All-Out Drive

On the move behind massed artillery, with tank columns spearheading their drive, 2,000,000 Russians smashed at German defenses from the wooded lake country of East Prussia to the vast snow-covered plains of Poland in an all-out effort to reach the Reich.

Greatest concentration of Russian strength was along a 200-mile front below Warsaw, where about 650,000 Reds hacked forward, with one of the wings swinging to the rear of the former Polish capital, and the other riding down hard on Silesia, important German industrial province.

Outnumbered, with no natural barriers to hole up behind on the flat plains, the Germans were compelled to fall back as the Reds overran their forward positions. In East Prussia, where the Nazis could utilize the forested terrain, the Reds were held to smaller gains.

Meanwhile, the Reds encountered stiffening resistance in their push into southern Czechoslovakia and Hungary as the Nazis sought to buttress their industrial districts to the west.

One month after Field Marshal Von Rundstedt had launched his lightning thrust into Belgium and Luxembourg into the First Army's rear sector, his forces streamed back into the Siegfried line again under cover of fog and rain.

As the U. S. armies wrote off Von Rundstedt's sudden offensive thrust, however, the cagey German general was reported to be shifting

With the war department removing the limitations on the total of overseas vets who can return home on 30-day furloughs, Gen. George C. Marshall said the number should rise sharply in the next few months.

major forces to the Alsatian front to the southeast, where small but sharp Nazi diversionary attacks earlier had bitten deep into American and French positions along the frontier.

Von Rundstedt's abandonment of the bulge and withdrawal into the prepared defense line followed quickly upon the Allies' recovery from the first shock of his big offensive and their attack upon his lines from the north, west and south with massed forces that threatened to chew his army to pieces. Taking advantage of murky weather, and with rearguards stubbornly covering his retreat, he managed to extricate most of his armored columns from the bulge, to fight another day.

Losses High
With most of their 90,000 casualties on the western front between December 15 and January 7 suffered in Belgium and Luxembourg, the Germans paid a high price for their temporary relief of their vital industrial Ruhr and Saar basins.

Of the 90,000 casualties, approximately 40,000 were captured, Secretary of War Stimson announced, bringing German prisoners up to 844,891 since D-day, with the U. S. First Army bagging 230,911 alone.

U. S. losses on the western front between December 15 and January 7 reached 52,594, with nearly 40,000 of these suffered in Belgium and Luxembourg. Of the 40,000, Stimson said, about 18,000 are missing, with the majority presumed to be prisoners.

GUARD MARKETS

Protecting both the consumer and honest manufacturer, the U. S. Food and Drug administration moved against a minority of manufacturers who sought to capitalize on the heavy demand of consumers by disguising their food products during 1944.

Cases included substitution of mineral oil for food oil; use of saccharin in beverages and ground cocoa shells in chocolate products, and the palming off of prepared cereals for nuts and coconuts.

FARM INCOME: Up 6%

With returns from crops showing the most substantial increase, farm income approximated \$20,390,000,000 in 1944, 6 per cent over figures for the previous year, the U. S. department of agriculture declared.

The rise in income from crops totaled 11 per cent, the USDA said, with receipts for tobacco showing the biggest increase of 36 per cent as a result of larger acreage and higher yields, and returns on food grains mounting 29 per cent, chiefly as a result of the record wheat harvest. With production of deciduous fruit above the unfavorable 1943 season, income from fruits and nuts was up about 25 per cent.

With most of the rise due to marketings of meat animals, receipts from livestock and related products were up 2 per cent over last year, USDA estimated. Because of a sharp drop in egg prices and slight decreases in both prices and quantities of chickens and broilers, income from eggs and poultry dropped.

Wages Highest

The highest wages and lowest level of employment of hired hands for a January 1 in two decades were recorded on the first of the year, the USDA said, partly reflecting the intense competition of agriculture and industry for labor.

Up sharply from a year ago, rates per month with board averaged \$74.60 on January 1, while rates without board stood at \$88.90. Daily rates with board averaged \$3.54 and those without board \$4.15, the USDA reported.

As of January 1, the total of both hired and family workers on farms stood at 8,005,000, 2 per cent below 1944, 9 per cent below the 1935-'39 average, and the lowest on that date for 20 years. Part of the decrease was attributed to unfavorable weather, which reduced efforts to necessary chores and livestock care in most parts of the country except the west and southwest.

FOREIGN POLICY: Senate Debate

Charged with the consideration of America's foreign affairs, the U. S. senate, with prewar debates still mutely echoing within the staid walls of the stately old chamber, again be-crittered itself as Montana's Burton K. Wheeler rose to his feet to describe projected postwar peace organization as arbitrary rule of great powers, and Florida's Claude Pepper warned against scotching an effective international security body.

Said Wheeler: "Observe how the Dumbarton Oaks proposals emasculate the good neighbor policy, override the principle of the sovereign equality of all nations, approve as a cardinal principle the use of brute force and the threat of coercion with re- quiring resort to peaceful methods in dealing with the threat of aggression, and deliberately divorce the structure of the proposed security organization from the nature of the peace which it is expected to enforce."

Retorted Pepper: "... After the senate failed to ratify the treaty of Versailles (in 1920), including provision for the league of nations... we abandoned our Allies. We abandoned our objectives. We failed to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by that day, and we waited for the next war to come..."

HITLER TRIAL: Plans Snagged

With Great Britain's rejection of the Allied war crimes commission proposal for a creation of an international court to try Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and other Axis leaders, fear was expressed that they might escape punishment, after all. According to the London Sunday Express, the British foreign office favored exile for the Axis heads much in the manner of Napoleon's banishment to Elba.

Meanwhile, Russia intimated that it was proceeding with its own plans for trying Hitler, et al, what with Ilya Ehrenburg, prominent Soviet journalist, declaring: "... We ourselves will judge our torturers and this we will entrust to nobody..."

Quoting an unnamed British jurist, the London Sunday Express declared that one of the reasons Great Britain might object to an open trial of the Axis chieftains was because some of its own officials might be embarrassed by being called to the witness stand to give evidence for the defense.

LABOR TURNOVER

For every 1,000 workers on factory pay rolls in November, 60 either changed jobs or left manufacturing work. Quits represented three-fourths of all separations, discharges and lay-offs each accounted for 10 per cent and the remaining 5 per cent resigned for military and miscellaneous reasons.

The quit rate for manufacturing as a whole, 45 per 1,000, was slightly below that of the previous month, but on the same level with that of one year ago.

Washington Digest

Youth Cornerstone of Germans' War Machine

Taken in Tow at Six, Children Schooled in Nazi Ideology; Grooved Into Places in Totalitarian Society.

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(This is the second of two articles by Mr. Baukhage on where Germany continues to get its fighting manpower.)

The husky and determined young Germans pictured on this page are a symbol of the force that made Von Rundstedt's counteroffensive on the western front possible—made it possible for the German armies, supposedly smashed to pieces in France, to "come back" from their stand at Arnheim and on the Cologne plain.

These boys represent two things: first, preliminary military training, and second, the control of the Nazi party over the German people. "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." There are probably seven million "twigs" in Germany today.

In a previous column I discussed the various Nazi semi-military and military organizations outside the German army itself. Particularly, the great "SA" or brown shirt organization which, after its purge, became the implement for indoctrination and preparation for military training of the German people. I also discussed in some detail the "SS" or Elite Guard, now the most



The German counteroffensive on the western front has made it possible for another crop of six hundred thousand tough Nazi indoctrinated girls and boys to bolster the army and the home-front in 1945. (Courtesy—Infantry Journal.)

powerful factor in the Reich, whose function was first to "overcome the enemies of the Nazi party from within" and which now has taken over the control of the German armies and the protection of the Nazi state from without.

Through SA representatives right down to the "ward", through the powerful Gestapo (secret police of the SS) which gradually superseded all police force, the adult non-Nazis are controlled by force and threat of force.

Take Over Adults' Duties

But perhaps as important as any Nazi weapon today is the Hitler youth organization which is the Nazis' grip on the future. Today, thousands of Hitler youth are guarding installations, watching foreign workers, performing work which relieves men for the front. Already, many have shot to kill. All can. Tomorrow they will be in the army.

The pre-Hitler youth groups in Germany had flourished for a long time. They embraced everything from the strongly rightist, Prussianized version of the Boy Scouts whose weekly excursions were given over to military games and maneuvers, to the religious groups, in the middle were the "Wandervogel" (Wanderbirds) who despised regimentation, strolled about the countryside on holidays with their guitars on their backs, sleeping in barns or in the open, hobnobbing with the peasants, singing and also collecting the old folk-songs and just having a plain good time. The writer himself spent many happy hours with the carefree Wandervogel, some of them in the "Eifel," the very territory through which Von Rundstedt led his charge. We talked of poetry, love and philosophy—never about war.

Suffice it to say, the Nazis methodically abolished all of these groups, the religious movements which were well organized, resisting as long as they could. Today, under Nazi law, the Hitler youth (male and female), controls "all German youth within the Reich."

I can give you the testimony of one German mother which was whispered into my ear in 1939, just before the war broke out. "My daughter has gone," she said to me. "We have nothing in

common. Her whole time is given to the Nazi activities. But I have my boy again. They worked him so hard in the youth camp that he came down with tuberculosis and Hitler doesn't want him. I shall have him to nurse at home."

Poor woman, I am afraid that by this time, if he can walk and carry a gun, he is at least a member of the Volksturm, the "home army."

Military Training Begins at 14

The tiny tots join the youth organization at six. But not until they are 13 or 14 does the real "prep" military training begin for the boys and the serious work for the girls in their separate camps. By this time they have already been indoctrinated with blind devotion for the "Fuehrer," the belief in German superiority and abject loyalty to the Nazi state.

Aside from training in sports which are believed to condition a boy for military hardships and actual drill with weapons, the "leadership principle" is stressed and promising youths are sent to special schools (Ordensburg).

When the Hitler youth completes his training he is fully prepared for whatever Nazi group into which he fits best. He may, in due course, become a member of the esoteric SS—the force which under Himmler rules every phase of life in the Reich today. He will probably find some role in the great SA organization. In any case, he will become a member of some special group, perhaps more than one, which will prepare him to serve or provide a place for his service in his destined role as a cog in the machinery of total war.

Normally, when his Hitler Youth period is ended, the next step, unless the boy is physically disqualified, or is chosen for special duties, is the Labor Service, which as it is the American CCC insofar as it is concerned primarily with such work as construction and forestry. But the military training continues. As in the Hitler youth organization, the young Nazi is drilled, disciplined, housed, fed and clothed like a soldier.

When this duty is completed, he probably finds himself immediately in the army. But in peacetime, or if he is specially qualified, there are a score or more organizations which will take care of him right up to old age, such for instance as the Veterans organization in which military ideas are kept alive.

One important group is the Labor Front which was created as a check on unionism. There is the huge Todt organization, a kind of huge Seabee outfit which was created in order to create a vital part of the army. Now it is a complete part of the army.

There is the huge People's Welfare agency which collects charities, three large civilian auxiliary air groups; the Nazi Transportation Corps, and many more, not to mention the host of services under National Socialist Womanhood.

It must be remembered that all of these organizations stoutly maintain two functions: first, indoctrination in the Nazi philosophy, or if the person is too old or too stubborn to bow to these perverted ideas, so to chain him in discipline as to achieve the same result. The second function of the Nazi organizations is to prepare German man and woman power for the nearest thing to a total war effort achieved in history.

The effectiveness of this system of militarizing a nation undoubtedly was underestimated by the Allies. The facts concerning it were available. For example, an excellent compendium of the Nazi groups was published by the Infantry Journal in Washington called "Hitler's Second Army," for distribution to and study by the American armed forces. But it was simply impossible for the normal individual to grasp the degree to which the Nazis had perfected their plans and had, by indoctrination from childhood, actually turned human beings into efficient machines.

Herr Goebbels, father of lies, was not lying when he said recently that Germany had become "a warrior nation in the full sense of the word."

BARBS... by Baukhage

How ya goin' to keep 'em down on the farm—after cancellation of agricultural deferments?

Even a drunkard can't weep in his bier.

You don't have to be a carpenter to make a Venetian blind. Just stick your fingers in his eyes. But can you make a birch bark?

A chicken, unlike a rabbit, has to dye if it wants to lay an Easter egg.

As between the hare and the tortoise—I'll take the turtle—in my soup.

You may be a war profiteer and own your roll, but you can't smoke many cigarettes these days unless you can roll your own.



LOVE LETTERS OF A BUREAUCRAT

My (unless otherwise designated) Darling:

Your last letter expressing some apprehensions as to the depth of my affection for you has been received and placed on file. Under separate cover I am sending you a more detailed statement of my love for you. This will give you the overall picture of a more secure setup as man and wife, should the proposition under discussion be carried to a successful conclusion.

Your complaint that you fear ceilings have been imposed on my affections for you have been given careful consideration and will be processed further, and while a more complete report will be made to you later, it is my conclusion that your deductions are basically in error.

I have gone over my feelings again with special care to every phase of the project, and all my data shows I have reached a new high in devotion for the last fiscal year. My regard for you has reached 98 per cent as against a high of 95% for the previous year. We can, I am sure, through the establishment of even greater unity, hold the line.

If we maintain a proper spirit of cooperation we can stabilize our affections at the hoped-for levels of 100 per cent and then blueprint a course which shall surround them with the proper safeguards against seasonal declines, my (as within the meaning of Section 7) dear.

You are quite wrong, my honey child (and nothing in any subsequent paragraph shall be taken as conflicting with my use of this term of endearment), when you imply that my letter indicated my deep love for you had been frozen. Nor have I sought to establish any controls, as you also seem to suspect. My policy today is as announced to you in my communications of January 3, March 10, June 23 and October 8, and you may consider this document as a blanket authorization to so construe it.

While my affection for you has exceeded in scope anything originally charted, I have, of course, been very busy with war problems, necessarily affecting our lives, and some reconversion plans will of course, be necessary to permit me to return fully to the realm of romance. I assume this is true of you, too, my sweetie-pie. (Note—A fuller distribution of terms of affection such as this is now made easier, due to a slight lessening of controls.)

Hold to your basic emotions toward me in all moments of doubt please realize that you are entitled to my (1) steadfast devotion, or (2) complete affection (which ever is the larger), and without deduction.

Believe me to be (dear sir or madam) your devoted slave (within the meaning of the code of August, 1942).

UNO WHO.

THE DIAPER CRISIS

("Through Edward Sturgis Jr. of the National Institute of Diaper Service of 420 Madison Avenue, OPA has been petitioned to lift ceilings on diapers. Diaper Mills are refusing to manufacture them because of the low profit.")—News Item.

We know what the urge is, Mr. Sturgis.

This was one of the worst. But let first things come FIRST! On the list of preferences! Let us keep the real essentials! Hey! Hey!

OPA!

Here's a crisis very extraordinary.

Of all goals, Chester Bowles, This is tops;

It's over crops

It's over stocks

It's over socks;

And price of lentils;

Over hamburger prices,

Over raspberry ices,

Over tires and peaches

And girdles and breeches!

Get 'em working!

Get 'em working!

Come on, OPA!

Let there be no delay!

Think, brothers,

Of your mothers!

Yes, Chester, your problems mount.

But consider things that COUNT!

No Cavities

Dentists are having a convention in New York. They had considerable trouble getting hotel rooms, for once their plea to "open wider" going largely unheeded.

And we understand the favorite reply of hotel clerks to the dentist when about to tell them there were no rooms to be had was "Listen, doctor, this isn't going to hurt you."

It would seem from reports from abroad that when Greek meets Greek they open fire.

THE STORY

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GIRL OVERBOARD

by
GEORGE F. WORTS

WNU RELEASE

THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey is railroaded into taking a job she does not want, helping Admiral Duncan write his memoirs. She is in love with Paul Lanning, the admiral's grandson. While aboard the Samoa en route to Hawaii she is thrown overboard, but is rescued. Pearl Harbor is bombed while they are steaming towards Hawaii, and two destroyers escort them to the Isle of Oahu. After landing Zorie and Paul overboard Paul's handsome brother, Steve, with whom Zorie is infatuated, plotting with Winthrop Lanning to deliver some radar equipment to the Axis. Believing Steve is in danger Zorie rushes into the night to save him and discovers the body of beautiful Amber Lanning on the ground.

CHAPTER XIV

"I didn't!" Zorie wailed. "Pierre did it! Just this minute! He must have strangled her!"

Mr. Lanning held the light not too steadily on her face. "Miss Corey," he said, "this is tragic. This is very, very tragic."

The next thing, his hand was clamped over her mouth and he was holding her tight against his body with his other hand and arm. She could not move.

In the silence, she heard footfalls on the other path, and the sound of men's voices. She identified them as Pierre's and Steve's. They were going to the garage.

She struggled. She tried to free herself, but Mr. Lanning was prepared for it. He held her so tightly that she could not move.

He held her until the sound came of a car starting, then the soft low whine of its gears. The crisp sound of its exhaust retreated and faded.

Holding her securely, Mr. Lanning shook out a folded handkerchief. It was, she discovered later, a large one. He forced the thick center part into her mouth and tied the ends tight behind her head, so that she could not cry out.

He seemed to have recovered his composure. He was, once again, the calm, urbane gentleman she had known on the "Samoa." He was meeting an emergency, a serious crisis, as men of his sort always do, with finesse and sureness.

"I'm so sorry, Miss Corey," he said. "But this is really necessary. This is a very critical time. I assure you, and you have stumbled upon something that is very embarrassing to me."

He carried her along the path to where it joined the other path. He carried her into the garage. With his flashlight, he found some short pieces of rope. He tied Zorie's feet together, and he tied her hands securely behind her.

"I am really so sorry about this, Miss Corey," he said. "But I can't leave you here. I assure you, you are most embarrassing to me. I have to keep an appointment, and I dare not leave you here."

He found some soft cushions and placed them on the floor of a sedan. He arranged Zorie on these cushions, and he was extremely gentle about it.

He closed the door, then got into the driver's seat, backed the car out, and started. Zorie knew when they were climbing the hill out of the cove to the cliff, and she wondered if he intended throwing her off the cliff.

The car stopped presently and Mr. Lanning got out and opened the rear door. It was now raining hard.

He removed the gag from her mouth, but he did not remove the cord from her wrists or ankles. Zorie's lips were numb and there was a bitter taste in her mouth. He took off his coat and draped it about her shoulders. He gathered her into his arms and started at a trot through the rain.

In the light of his pocket torch, which danced as he ran, she saw the house—a large cabin painted a dull green, now shining wet with rain.

Mr. Lanning carried her up on a porch, unlocked a door and carried her inside. He directed his light about the room.

It was a cozy, nicely furnished room—typically a man's idea of what a comfortable living-room in a mountain cabin should be.

He carried her through this room and into the one beyond, a smaller room at the back of the house. It was a combined study and breakfast room, and beyond it, through an open door, she caught a glimpse of the kitchen.

Mr. Lanning gently set Zorie in a chair beside a window. He closed the living-room door and lighted a kerosene lamp on the table.

He sat down on the chair facing her. He looked her over with anxious solicitude. Her lovely sun-pleated star-sapphire gown was splattered with purple-red mud.

As she stared at him, all her courage, the fortitude that had been sustaining her, threatened to leave her. She had a quick appalling glimpse of the girl she had once been, the girl who had changed so miraculously. She felt herself slipping back irresistibly into that perpetually meek, timid, frightened girl.

Then her wavering eyes returned to Mr. Lanning's flushed face and steamed. Strength and courage came back in a flood. She told herself she would not revert to her old self. She had won that fight! She wasn't afraid! No matter what happened, she would not let her old meekness return!

"I am very sorry," Mr. Lanning said. "to have to keep your hands

and feet tied, Miss Corey. But this is an extremely dangerous situation. I may be occupied with other things, and you must realize that, under the circumstances, I cannot entirely trust you."

He took a flat quart bottle out of his hip pocket. He undid the foil about the neck of it and unscrewed the cap.

"Brandy," he said, "is always so comforting in a crisis. Will you join me?"

"No," Zorie said huskily.

The precautions he had taken were alarming. If he merely intended to detain her a while, to question her, he would have untied her hands and feet. And something in his manner, in his eyes, was alarming, too. For the first time since he had discovered her, she felt thoroughly frightened.

During most of the ride she had been too occupied with thoughts of Steve to give much thought to herself. She had reasoned that he and Pierre would probably not go to Kokee. Pierre would doubtless shoot him as they drove along. She was sure that Pierre intended to kill Steve. He might be dead now.

Her thoughts returned briefly to Paul. She could recall so clearly his vindictive expression as he said those things that he should have known might sentence Steve to death. A man of Paul's type was

not to be trusted in a situation calling for honest thinking. At this moment, her feeling for Paul was one of sheer loathing. Because of his vindictiveness and his unpredictable nature, his brother was possibly dead and she was in a position of the utmost gravity.

"What are you going to do with me?" she asked.

Winthrop Lanning tilted the bottle to his mouth and drank. His hand was shaking a little. He put the bottle back on the table.

He looked at her. The steadiness of her stare seemed to disconcert him. He glanced away. He made a grimace.

"Nothing," he answered. "The matter is no longer in my hands."

"Whose cabin is this?"

Mr. Lanning's dark eyes were vague. The gray flesh under them looked more puffy than usual. He bent forward.

"Miss Corey, you have in your possession an extremely dangerous piece of information. I regret exceedingly that it happens to be in your possession. I am very much afraid that the outlook for you is very serious. I am very much afraid that there is no hope at all for you."

He sighed heavily. "You are entirely innocent. I admire you very much. And I do wish there was some way out of this for you. I will gladly help you in any way."

Zorie's mouth was very dry. "Do you mean—I won't leave this cabin alive?"

Mr. Lanning avoided her eyes. He seemed to be genuinely upset. "The gentleman to whom this cabin belongs will be here presently. He will have to decide. Meanwhile, since things are so completely hopeless for you—is there anything I can do?"

"What is happening to Steve?"

He lifted his shoulders slowly and let them fall. "I do not know, Miss Corey. I haven't the faintest idea. I will gladly answer any question you care to ask."

"I think I'm beginning to understand," Zorie said. "It's either your life or mine. Isn't that true?"

"Only partly, Miss Corey. It is really a little more comprehensive than that. If you should be set free, you can say so many dangerous things, not only about me but about other people."

"But if I disappear, how will that be explained?"

"Many people disappear and it is never explained."

He returned to his chair. He had another drink. The level in the bottle had already gone down amazingly. Zorie recalled the seven or eight cocktails he had had before dinner. His eyes were as clear, his hands and his voice and evidently his brain were as steady as if he hadn't a drop.

"How will Amber's death be explained?"

His eyebrows went up. "But my dear Miss Corey, I thought that was quite obvious to you. You are such a clever young lady I sometimes forget you've had no experience with this sort of thing."

"Are you saying," Zorie gasped, "that her death will be blamed on me?"

"But—it is already blamed on you!" he said, as if he were greatly surprised. "Where do you suppose your compact is? Where do you suppose your handkerchief is?"

"By her body!" Zorie cried.

"But of course, Miss Corey!"

Zorie took a deep breath. Mr. Lanning was gazing at her sadly.

"Men in your profession do things so thoroughly," she said. "I'd forgotten. As you say, I'm not used to this sort of thing. When Amber is found, with those simple proofs that I killed her, the authorities will assume that, in grief or panic, I went off and perhaps threw myself off a cliff. I suppose that's very obvious."

He was nodding. His attitude remained one of mild amazement. It was all so obvious, so logical, to him.

"You're sorry," she said quietly. "You're awfully sorry that I must be liquidated. But you've arranged it so that I haven't a chance."

Mr. Lanning shook his head. "No, Miss Corey, I don't say quite that. There may be an alternative."

"Is there any alternative to my being killed in cold blood?"

"I do not say that there is," he answered. "I only say there may be."

"Where did Steve and Pierre Savoyard go?"

"I don't know, Miss Corey."

"But don't you assume that Pierre will kill him?"

"I think that Pierre will try. But Steve is very clever. If he was aware that your fiancé said the things he did, he would be better prepared to cope with Pierre. But he wasn't aware. Therefore, Pierre has a slight advantage. It may not be enough. I am speaking very frankly. Pierre is not clever. He is relentless, but his intelligence is not always alert. And in this profession, cleverness counts more than relentlessness. Therefore, Steve has an even chance of coming out of it alive."

Zorie believed he was being honest. If Steve had a chance of coming out of it alive, he might come to this cabin. It would improve Steve's chances—and her own—if she could persuade Mr. Lanning that Paul had been lying maliciously and that Steve had been honest in his dealings with these people.

If Steve reached this cabin alive, she was certain he would not let them kill her, provided he was given a voice in the matter. It came down to that very ironical basis: Her only chance to get out of this cabin alive was to convince Mr. Lanning, and anyone else who came in, that Steve was what he actually was—a true-blue Nazi! And if she could somehow save her own life, she would have a chance of trapping them all.

She suspected that Mr. Lanning, in his present frame of mind, would be an awfully hard man to convince. First, she must secure all the information he would part with.

"Who owns this cabin?"

"One of your dinner guests—Basil Stromberg. You are surprised?"

"And Mr. Stromberg will have the final say, whether I'm to live or not?"

"Yes, Miss Corey."

"When will he be here?"

Mr. Lanning looked at his watch. "I told him two-thirty. It is now twelve-forty. He is usually very punctual, but he had certain arrangements to make and he may be a little late."

Zorie supposed that these arrangements had to do with getting the precious cabinet containing JY-419 off this island. Mr. Stromberg was doubtless contacting a Japanese agent who would arrange to have JY-419 delivered to a Japanese submarine.

"Are we in Kokee?"

"Yes. On the edge of Waimea Canyon—the most beautiful canyon in the world. More beautiful, in my opinion, than the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. I sincerely hope you will live to see a Waimea sunrise, if this rain will only stop. You will see it from this window. The edge of the canyon is only a hundred feet away. From this window, the view is superb."

He went around the table and opened the window.

"We don't have to blackout here," Mr. Lanning said. "There is nothing across the canyon but swampy wilderness. Of all the dreary restrictions of modern warfare, the one I detest the most is the blackout."

He returned to his chair. He had another drink. The level in the bottle had already gone down amazingly. Zorie recalled the seven or eight cocktails he had had before dinner. His eyes were as clear, his hands and his voice and evidently his brain were as steady as if he hadn't a drop.

"No Rush!"

Bellhop—Boss, dat man in room 526 done hung himself!

Manager—Oh, that's terrible! Did you cut him down?

Bellhop—No, boss, he ain't dead yet!

Masculine Endurance

He—I put my foot down the other day.

She—Why?

He—Because I got tired of holding it up.

Quick Thinking

Mrs. Newlywed—I have a wonderful surprise for you, darling.

Hubby—Oh, have you? And how long is your mother going to stay?

Solid Comfort

Girl Usher (at the movies)—How far down do you want to sit?

Soldier—All the way, of course!

At Boot Camp

Instructor—Take this oar! Rookie Sailor (absentmindedly)—Or what?

(TO BE CONTINUED)

PLENTY OF NOTHIN'

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest.

Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," interrupted the politician proudly, "somebody must have created the chaos!"

WISE GUY



Harry—How come your dog is so smart?

Jerry—He nose it all!

Slightly Dizzy

Ned—So you decided not to keep your job at the army camp? Didn't you like it there?

Ted—It's all screwy, the way they run things. The generals are in the private offices, and the privates are in the general offices!

Crooked Business

Myron—You say you had to quit the business because your partner was crooked?

Byron—Was he crooked? Say, he was so crooked that even the wool he pulled over my eyes was half cotton.

There's a Difference

Myron—Your aunt calls her dog and her husband by the same pet name. It must cause a lot of confusion.

Byron—Oh, no. She always speaks gently to the dog.

Big Bargain

Corra—Where is the cheapest place to buy poultry?

Dora—I don't know.

Corra—At the new municipal swimming pool. You get a duck for a dime!

Wonderful Evening

Mrs. Newlywed—I see by the paper that the concert we attended last night was a tremendous success.

Mrs. Ditto—Yes, I had no idea we enjoyed it half so much, at the time.

Finance Puzzle

Ned—Did you ever hear of anybody who exchanges dollars for quarters?

Ted—Not in their right mind.

Ned—How about a rooming house?

At the Bird Store

Mrs. Newlywed—And you say you guarantee these canaries?

Clerk—Guarantee them? Why, madam, we raised them ourselves from bird seed!

Realistic

Girl (at her homework)—If you had six apples and I asked you for four of them, how many would you have left?

Boy—Six.

Sound Asleep!

Jimmy—Is your pop asleep?

Johnny—Yeah, all except his nose!

Completely Absent

The absent-minded professor looked in most of the stores in town for his lost umbrella and finally located it.

"Oh, thanks, thanks so much," he exclaimed. "You're the only honest store in town. All the others said they hadn't got it!"

Worse to Come

Mr. Newlywed—I can't eat this stuff.

Wife—Never mind, dear. I have some lovely recipes for making up leftovers.

Mr. Newlywed—In that case I'll eat it now.

SEWING CIRCLE NEEDLEWORK

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LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

We Owe Us

There is a five-year-old epigram that runs like this: "Who cares anything about the national debt? We only owe it to ourselves." It implies that we are sure to be very easy with ourselves on collection day, but a lot depends on whether we can afford to be lenient. We owe ourselves a lot of money and we never will be able to collect even the interest on it unless we work hard and pay our taxes.

The debts we owe ourselves are genuine debts, and bigger than most of us realize. I know some people who owe themselves new cars, or new tires for their old cars. Since they can't buy these items, they are spending their money for other things... things to enjoy now. Have you heard about the errand boy who needed shoes but had no stamp, so he spent \$6 for theatre tickets?

Thinking Cymbals

Easy money that rattles in our pockets because there is nothing to buy is not prosperity. Actually it is bogus money. We must never forget that prosperity is born of work. If higher income can't help me live better, my improved income is phony. America is bleeding in war and suffering in want this very day. Our needs are no less real because certain items have been taken off the market.

National income figures for the United States illustrate the point perfectly. On paper, national income was 135 billion dollars in 1943, breaking all records, but much of the money our people received was "stage money." It wouldn't spend. Actually we Americans received 20 billion dollars less take-home money in 1943 than we did in 1929, call it 150 0's to each of the figures in the following table, making them billions:

Figures in billions	1929	1943	Short
National Income	\$81	\$135	
Government Deficit		56	
Federal Taxes	3	21	

Net\$78 \$58 \$20

The average 1944 wage is more cents per hour; the average salary is more dollars per month; our national income is more billions per year than in any previous boom, but we are in debt. It is plain from the figures that when the debt is subtracted from what we call our national income it is by no means large. The debt must be paid in money that represents constructive work, doing and making useful things for better living.

A Homely Story

On the morning of November 12, 1918, so the story goes, a dusky soldier in a U.S. labor battalion overslept two or three bugle calls and was waked at last by his sergeant gruffly ordering him to rise. "Y'all can't boss me round no mo," he said, half asleep. "Dis wah am ovah. I jes sign up fer de duration."

"How right you is, boy!" the sergeant replied. "De wah am ovah, 'ho 'nuff, but de duration... it 'ave jes begin."

More Responsibility

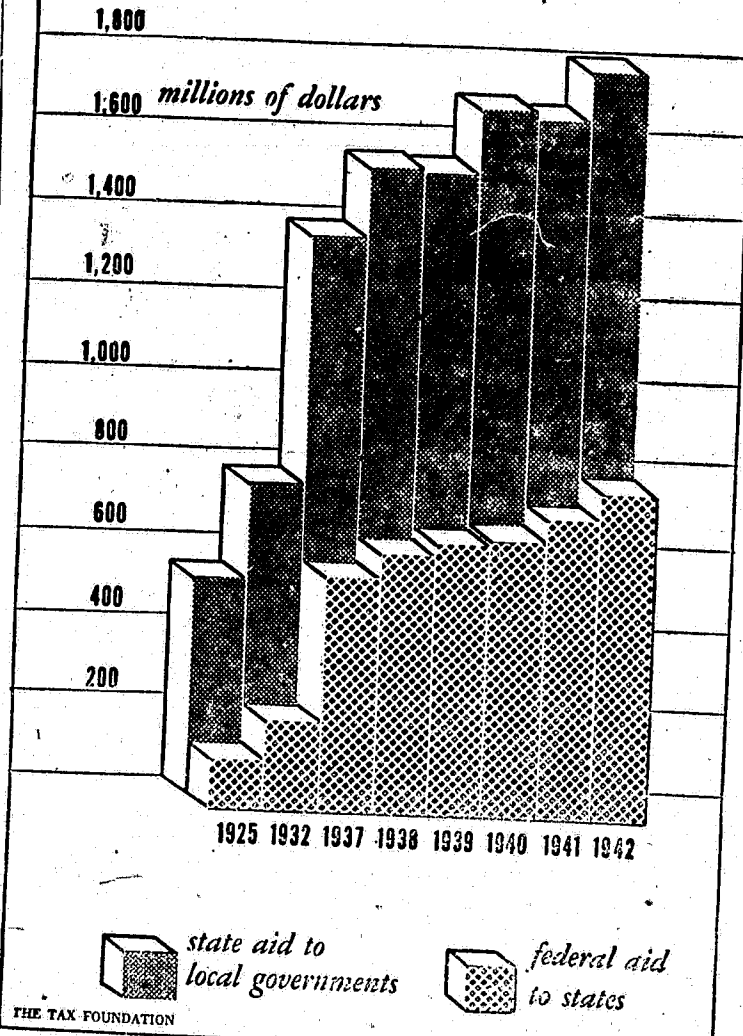
Official accounts of military gains, one after another, can't help but build hopes for peaceful years to come. The foregoing anecdote is offered to suggest this:

When the fighting stops, it will not be a signal for everybody to commence sleeping late and trying to subsist on income from wartime earnings. Unless we are ready to tighten our belts and do our part to meet our national obligation, the duration will have just begun.



AMERICA. WHAT NOW?

FEDERAL AID to States and STATE AID to Local Governments



Centralization of government is on the increase and the simplest way of learning this fact is to observe the growing amounts that the federal government pays to the states and local governments and by in-aid, a proportionate share of control is being surrendered by the recipient government to its "benefactor."

Local governments received \$1800 million from their states in 1942 as against only \$536 million in 1925. During the same period, federal payments to the states rose from \$114 million to \$800 million, a much larger proportionate rise. Many persons, feeling that the closer government remains to home the more efficient and economical it becomes, see a growing danger in this trend.

DON'T BURN YOUR WAR BONDS

By Maurice R. Franks

(Editor's Note: Maurice R. Franks is national business agent of the Railroad Yardmasters of America, Inc., and editor of the official publication of that Union, the Railroad Workers Journal.)

Of all the asinine displays of misguided patriotism, the public burning of War Bonds takes first place. In case you don't know what I'm driving at, I refer to the public bonfire of War Bonds made up by the employees of a certain airplane manufacturing company in Florida. The newspapers played up this act, space to the item on their front pages. These "patriots" burned the better part of \$1,000 worth of War Bonds.

To many people the burning of War Bonds may seem a great gesture of patriotism, but to any one who wants to look the facts squarely in the face and give this episode careful examination, this act personifies everything contrary to genuine patriotism. In fact, it could be looked upon as out and out sabotage when one realizes the repercussions which may come from such a silly act. Since through my own purchase of War Bonds I am now a stockholder in the corporation known as America, I believe it is my natural right to voice my opinion in opposition to any act which may play a part in jeopardizing my investment.

This hysterical, so-called patriotic demonstration can have only detrimental reaction, by creating in the minds of many bondholders and would-be bond purchasers, the impression that this investment is not as safe as our government guarantees it to be. Whether these "firebugs" realize it or not, and I doubt that they do, they are playing a major role in the absolute discouragement of the purchase of War Bonds, and it is high time that they be told so.

Many a hard working man, with a son or daughter in the Armed Forces, has, through depriving himself and family of necessities, created a nest-egg for the future by the purchase of War Bonds. This is a great gesture of confidence in our government. The average working man has not purchased War Bonds because of his great knowledge of finance. He has purchased them because he believes this act will help win the war and because he has confidence in the United States of America. Therefore, the very act of buying War Bonds is not only proof of good citizenship but is an outstanding display of the appreciation of the sacredness of our government's word of honor.

Before this war comes to a final conclusion, it may be necessary to float a seventh or even a Tenth burning bonds gains momentum, it may be the means of bringing about a condition whereby it will be impossible for our government to sell War Bonds in adequate proportion to the necessity. It is my intention to watch every move which affects my stock. When I find one which plays a part in devaluation of my bonds, I am going to holler out loud to protect my holdings in the corporation known as America.

When this war is over, and it can't be too soon for me, I'm going to make it my business to encourage ways and means for the corporation of America to operate on a basis whereby we stockholders will be able to cash in our bonds upon maturity and the money we receive will have monetary value at least equal to that of today. In other words, any crack-pot ideas such as burning bonds will be fought by this bondholder to a standstill, because I have confidence in the integrity of my government and hold its obligations sacred.

The American flag, which is a symbol of integrity, flew over these United States long before you and I were born, and will fly over it

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Home Address Place of Birth

Names of Parents Their Address

Education details School Activities

Employment Record Married to Date 19 Place

Children Family (brothers, sisters)

MILITARY RECORD: Entered Service 19 Branch Where

Basic Training At from 19 to 19

Other Training Promotions

Served with (Division, regiment, company, ships, other —dates)

Battles, Campaigns, etc.

Citations, etc.

LOCKE MILLS

Adelaide W. Lister, Correspondent

Theresa Coolidge has finished her boot training at Hunter College and is now at the Nat'l Naval Centre at Bethesda, Md., attending school for Pharmacists Mate.

Mrs. Ruth Dorian has moved to Bethel for the winter. Her father and mother have joined her and she is occupying the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Erlon Paine who are in Florida where Mr. Paine is stationed. Sarah is attending Bethel schools.

The Community Club held a successful whist party at Legion Hall last Saturday.

The State Guard will hold a dance at Town Hall Saturday, January 27th.

Defense Stamps purchased at the village school last week were as follows: Primary, \$8.60, Intermediate, \$5.76; Grammar \$4.45.

Kenneth Swan was taken to Rumford Hospital Sunday for an emergency appendectomy.

Beverly Lurvey who fell on the ice last week injuring her knee is still confined to her bed.

Miss Marilyn Marshall, a student nurse at the C M G Hospital is visiting her grandparents the M J Marshalls.

Fern Tirrell who has been quite ill is recovering nicely. Mrs. Albert Hebert who has been ill for the past two weeks is able to be out again.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Homer Smith from Tennessee and Mrs. Ernest Smith and daughter, Thelma of South Portland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Holkkinen. Sgt. Smith has a 15 day furlough.

Maynard Chase shot a good sized long after you and I are gone. As long as I can see it flying, you can bet your bottom dollar that I AM NOT BURNING UP MY WAR BONDS

bobcat at the Oxford Wood and Plastic Company as he came out from under a building.

Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas Flavin were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. William Jowett officiating. The bearers were members of the family. Entombment was at Wayside Cemetery. Those attending from away were: Mr. and Mrs. Abe Fish, George Flavin, Raymond; Phyllis Flavin, Farmington; Alfred White, Waltham, Mass.; Mrs. Edwin Dunn, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Purington, Norway.

ASSISTANCE ASKED TO HELP ESTABLISH LOCAL RECORDS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Relatives of service men and women are asked to fill in the blank above and return to the Citizen Office. At the present time there are no local records of those in the service and this is asked in an effort to compile information which may be of great value later. Data on all persons, now or formerly in the armed forces, is desired. It is urged that all who can do so send the form in as soon as possible.

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The CITIZEN

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HANOVER

Correspondent—Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Mrs. Ella Russell and Malcolm Farwell went to East Bethel and Watford Sunday and visited with Mrs. Roy Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Russell went part way Sunday to meet Mrs. Harriet Coady who has been in Bangor for some time and has come to spend a few weeks with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell have received word from their son, Cedric, that he expects a furlough within a few weeks and will be home.

Mrs. Isobel Croteau went to Watford several days last week to help care for her mother, Mrs. Mita Abbott who is ill.

A bright sun dog was seen in the east Sunday morning at about 8:30 o'clock.

Ira Brown and son Bobby finished filling the Morrison ice-house last week, hauling all the ice from the lake on a hand sled.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, Norway and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Elliott were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Penney, Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Freeman Ellingwood left Monday for Bath where she will meet her husband, Corp. Freeman Ellingwood who has been overseas for 2½ years and is on a six month furlough.

Mrs. Ruth Hopkins, State Nurse, was working in town Friday of last week. She and her daughter, Joan, had dinner at Mabel Worcester's.

The Ladies Aid meeting was at the home of Frye Goddard Wednesday of last week. A dinner was served after which the following officers were elected:

- President—Florence Goddard
- 1st Vice-Pres.—Clara Elliot
- 2nd Vice-Pres.—Marie Abbott
- 3rd Vice-Pres.—Stella Howe
- Secretary—Sue Elliot
- Treasurer—Mary Burns

Miss Betty Brown was detained from her school for several days last week owing to illness.

Jimmy Krasky and Warren Hopkins, Rumford, visited with John Forbes Saturday.

Elwood Richardson and B. J. Russell attended the monthly meeting of the Men's Club at Rumford Point Wednesday evening of last week.

The Pythian Sisters held their installation of officers Friday of last week. Mrs. Helen Barker entertained them at her home with a dinner, after which they went to the hall. It was voted to suspend the meetings for two months.

Mrs. Marjory Cummings is librarian for January.

Seventeen men ride in the "peep" Stowell company's logging operation which goes from Dixfield to the Muns at Howard Lake each day.

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Mrs. Virginia Perry and daughter Marcia were recent guests at Everett Bean's.

Mrs. Walter Brown visited her mother, Mrs. Sophie Conner, at West Bethel Friday and Saturday.

Rodney Grover and Helen Waterhouse from Rumford were weekend visitors at Cleve Waterhouse's.

Mrs. Sophie Conner of West Bethel and Mrs. Alden Wilson and son Stanley from Bethel Village were entertained recently by Mrs. Walter Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Adney Gurney and daughter Eleanor called on friends in the neighborhood Sunday afternoon.

GREENWOOD CITY

Roy Morgan has been ill for the past week.

Supt. Carrie Wight was in town on Monday.

Pupils having one hundred in spelling for the week ending January 19th were Alpo Saanen, of grade III and Joan Tamminen of Grade V.

Toivo Tamlander of Watford was at his home here over the week end.

Pupils of the school sent their contributions to the "March of Dimes" last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merl Whitman and children of Woodstock were callers at Clyde Morgan's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt were in Bethel on Tuesday for dental work.

War stamps purchased at the school this week amounted to \$4.00.

UPTON

Correspondent—Mrs. C. A. Judkins

The Farm Bureau met on Thursday, January 18, with Mrs. Jennie Stewart at the residence of E. S. Lane. Subject of the meeting, Table Refresher Service. Dinner was served at noon to six members, one visitor and Mr. Lane. A letter was read from former H. D. A. Mrs. Ethel Walsh Field, who is now in the service.

T. A. Durkee was stricken with a heart attack Saturday morning. Dr. Twaddle of Bethel was immediately called and came as soon as he could. Mrs. Durkee had just arrived home on Thursday afternoon from Exeter, N. H. where she had been helping to care for her mother, Mrs. Stone, who is ill.

Mrs. Ben Bartlett of Bethel was a week end guest of Mrs. Claude Collins.

Corp. and Mrs. Fred S. Judkins and young son, Fred II, who spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Judkins, returned to Bryant Pond on Saturday afternoon.

William Barnett, Clayton Bold, Miss Annie Barnett and Earl Milligan of Rumford were in town Sunday.

David Milligan and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boucher were home from Bath over the week end.

George Angevine is home for the present.

Mrs. Jennie Brown and son, Edwin Brown, Jr. of North Newry were in town Sunday.

Millard Fraser came home Saturday with a bad cold.

Charlie Brown of Newry, formerly of this town, has enlisted in the Navy and gone to Sampson, N. Y.

ROWE HILL

The roads were blocked from Sunday until Wednesday of last week. The snow plow went through Wednesday and again Thursday.

Wilmer Bryant, Mrs. Kay Hanson went to South Paris Thursday. Mrs. Hanson went to see a doctor.

Osman Palmer was in South Paris and Norway last Thursday.

Miss Eunice Palmer was at her home here over the week end, guest of her father, Osman Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Ring were guests of Mrs. Bessie Ring and family, Tubbs District, Sunday.

Miss Lillian Ring of West Peru was a week end guest at her grandmother's Mrs. Margaret Bryant.

Wilmer and Mrs. Margaret Bryant were at Locke Mills and Bethel Saturday afternoon. They called on Mrs. Durward Lang at Locke Mills and found her not as good as the first of the week.

Roland and Rex Martin, Herschell and Dannie Cole were at Osman Palmer's Saturday. Carson Martin was at his grandfather's, Colby Ring.

Wilmer Bryant and Mrs. Kay Hanson went to South Paris Monday afternoon.

for his boot training.

Miss Pearl Barnett, R. N. of Rumford Community Hospital, formerly of this town, has signed up for enlistment in the service.

Miss Phyllis Williamson of South Portland, Richard Williamson and in Sunday River this winter spent Mrs. Esther Williamson, who has been the week end in town.

SONGO POND

Leroy Buck was in Norway Saturday on business.

Ed Murphy walked to Bethel Saturday.

Leon Millett has been bothered about cutting ice. The big storm came at a bad time. He has to wait for the tractor plow to break the road into the head of the pond.

before he can plow the pond. But he hopes to get started again soon.

Leon Millett helped Hollis Grimshaw saw wood one day recently.

Seldon Grover walked to Bethel one day recently.

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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

Lack of Experience at First Slowed Up Allies

American Algerian Troops Were Green and Officers Unseasoned

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note: "his dispatch was written and first published, when Pyle was with the G.I.s at the Algerian front. He is now on his way to cover the boys in the Pacific war zones.

ORAN, ALGERIA.—Men who bring our convoys from America, some of whom have just recently arrived, tell me the people at home don't have a correct impression of things over here.

They say people at home think the North African campaign is a walkaway and will be over quickly.

That our losses have been practically nil; that the French here love us to death; and that all German influence has been cleaned out.

If you think that, it is because we newspapermen here have failed at getting the finer points of the situation over to you.

Because this campaign at first was as much diplomatic as military, the powers that be didn't permit our typewriter fingers to delve into things internationally, which were ticklish enough without that. I believe misconceptions at home must have grown out of some missing part of the picture.

It would be very bad for another wave of extreme optimism to sweep over the United States. So maybe I can explain a little bit about why things over here, though all right for the long run, are not all strawberries and cream right now.

In Tunisia, for instance, we seem to be stalemated for the moment. The reasons are two. Our army is a green army, and most of our Tunisian troops are in actual battle for the first time against seasoned troops and commanders. It will take us months of fighting to gain the experience our enemies start with.

In the second place, nobody knew exactly how much resistance the French would put up here, so we had to be set for full resistance. That meant, when the French capitulated in three days, we had to move eastward at once, or leave the Germans unhampered to build a big force in Tunisia.

So we moved several hundred miles and, with the British, began fighting. But we simply didn't have enough stuff on hand to knock the Germans out instantly. Nobody is to blame for this. I think our army is doing wonderfully—both in fighting with what we have and in getting more here—but we are fighting an army as tough in spirit as ours, vastly more experienced, and more easily supplied.

Our losses in men so far are not appalling, by any means, but we are losing more. The other day an American ship brought the first newspaper from home I had seen since the occupation, and it said only 12 men were lost in taking Oran.

The losses, in fact, were not great, but they were a good many twelve times 12.

Wounded to England.

Most of our convalescent wounded have been sent to England. Some newly arrived Americans feel that, if more of the wounded were sent home, it would put new grim vigor into the American people. We aren't the sort of people from whom wounded men have to be concealed.

The biggest puzzle to us who are on the scene is our policy of dealing with Axis agents and sympathizers in North Africa. We have taken into custody only the most out-and-out Axis agents, such as the German armistice missions and a few others. That done, we have turned the authority of arrest back to the French.

The procedure is that we investigate and arrest. As it winds up, we investigate—period.

Our policy is still appeasement. It stems from what might be called the national hypochondria of French emotions. Frenchmen today think and feel in lots of different directions. We moved softly at first, in order to capture as many French hearts as French square miles. Now that phase is over. We are here in full swing.

We have left in office most of the small fry officials put there by the Germans before we came. We are permitting fascist societies to continue to exist. Actual sniping has

been stopped, but there is still sabotage.

The loyal French see this and wonder what manner of people we are. They are used to force, and expect us to use it against the common enemy, which includes the French Nazis. Our enemies see it, laugh, and call us soft.

Both sides are puzzled by a country at war which still lets enemies run loose to work against it.

There are an astonishing number of Axis sympathizers among the French in North Africa. Not a majority, of course, but more than you would imagine. This in itself is a great puzzle to me. I can't fathom the thought processes of a Frenchman who prefers German victory and perpetual domination rather than a temporary occupation resulting in eventual French freedom.

But there are such people, and they are hindering us, and we over here think you folks at home should know three things:

That the going will be tough and probably long before we have cleaned up Africa and are ready to move to bigger fronts. That the French are fundamentally behind us, but that a strange, illogical stratum is against us. And that our fundamental policy still is one of soft-gloving snakes in our midst.

Nurses are Tops.

The American nurses over here—and there are lots of them—have turned out just as you would expect: wonderfully.

Army doctors, and patients, too, are unanimous in their praise for them. Doctors tell me that in that first rush of casualties they were calmer than the men.

One hospital unit had a nurse they were afraid of. She had seemed neurotic and hysterical on the way down. The head doctor detailed another nurse just to watch her all through the hectic first hours of tending the wounded. But he hadn't have. He admits now she was the calmest of the lot.

The head of one hospital, a colonel who was a soldier in the last war, worked in the improvised hospitals set up at Arzew to tend the freshly wounded. He says not a soul in the outfit cracked up or got flustered.

"You're so busy you don't think about it being horrible," he says. "You aren't yourself. Actually you seem to become somebody else. And after it's over, you're thrilled by it. Gosh, I hope I'm not stuck in a base hospital. I want to get on the front."

The Carolina nurses of the evacuation hospital about which I've been writing have taken it like soldiers. For the first 10 days they had to live like animals, even using open ditches for toilets, but they never complained.

At this tent hospital one nurse is always on duty in each tentful of 20 men. She had medical orders to help her. In bad-weather the nurses wear army overalls.

But Lieut. Col. Rollin Bauchspies, the hospital commandant, wants them to put on dresses once in a while, for he says the effect on the men is astounding.

The touch of femininity, the knowledge that a woman is around, gives a wounded man courage and confidence and a feeling of security. And the more feminine she looks, the better.

Only about 100 of the hospital's 700 patients are wounded men. The others are just sick with ordinary things, such as flu, appendicitis, sprains. They've got a whole tentful of mumps, and a few cases of malaria and dysentery.

At the far end of the hospital, behind an evil-looking barricade of barbed wire, is what Colonel Bauchspies calls "Casafova park." Back there are 150 soldiers with venereal disease.

"What's the barbed wire for?" I asked. "They wouldn't try to get out anyhow."

"It's just to make them feel like heels," the colonel said.

Army Hospital Cuts Red Tape

The hospital already has handled more than 1000 patients and hasn't lost a one. The doctors run to the nearest stake and knock on wood when they say it. The surgeons have performed more than 125 operations.

There's no red tape about whether a patient is legally entitled to enter the hospital or not. They take anybody who comes—soldier, civilian, Arab, Frenchman, anybody.

The other day we were looking at those round-bellied iron stoves half-buried in the ground in each tent.

"What do you burn in them?" I asked Lieut. Colonel Bauchspies.

"Wood," he said.

"Where do you get the wood?" I asked.

"Steal it," he said.

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Woman Who Couldn't Bear It

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



Until he masters Braille get into the habit of daily reading; headlines, articles from the digests, everything short and cheerful that you can find.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"ALL my values have changed," writes Marguerite Williams, from Tennessee. "I feel as if I were a strange person living in a strange world. Three years ago my splendid son and his wife and two babies lived near me; my daughter lived with me; we were a happy and united family.

"A few months after Pearl Harbor my daughter married and went to California with her captain husband, who is an instructor in a basic camp there. For Betty was 30, and I had rather thought she would always be with me.

"Then Howard, my son, went to officers' training camp and emerged a lieutenant, being sent immediately to the Philippines. His wife, Muriel, would not move in with me as I suggested, and I soon discovered why. She did not want any particular attention drawn to her conduct from that time on. It was bridge and cocktail parties, night clubs and fashionable bars. She had many beaux; eventually one was more successful than the others, and she wrote to Howard for a divorce. I knew nothing at the time, my first information came from their oldest daughter, who is seven. Heart sick, I tried to reason with Muriel, it was no use. She got a divorce, married her new sweetheart, and moved away, with her children, to a nearby town.

Coming Back Blind.

"What that meant to me I won't attempt to explain. It is Howard in whose interest I am writing you. He is coming home now blind. He will live here with me, without wife, babies, home—and without eyes.

"Mrs. Norris," this letter goes on, "I have tried to become reconciled to this. I have tried to accept it as God's will. But I cannot. Rebellion rises up in me and half chokes me. My boy is 37 now, a fine, balanced, book-and-music-loving man who never did a cruel or selfish thing in his life. He loves his little girls. Why should this cross be laid upon him, while this cold, self-centered woman goes her way to a richer marriage and higher position? Is there any reason or justice in this? How can I face the future that is before me now?"

My dear Mrs. Williams, I say in reply, don't attempt to "face the future." Face only today. Live it as heroically, as simply, as cheerfully as you can, and let tomorrow's problem wait until tomorrow.

When Howard gets home meet him without gushes of sentimentality and pity; concern yourself with making him physically comfortable, and discuss Muriel's actions without bitterness. Unless his wife is an actual monster, she will be willing to tend you the children frequently and when they come, make their visits as happy as you can, so that they will want to come again.

Meanwhile, build up a real life for Howard, until he has found his footing in the new darkened world. He will have a dog, of course; he will eventually have a routine, and, believe me, there are many mothers who will mightily envy you the opportunity you have to stay close to him and be needed by him.

Naturally, don't introduce the new order with bustle and rule-making. Rather let it gradually develop. He can take walks; encourage him to go about. Radio and record music will be a tremendous help, and until he masters Braille get into the

DOUBLE LOSS

Howard is coming home to his mother from the Philippines. But it will not be an entirely happy return, because he is blinded in combat. Furthermore, his wife and children will not be at home to greet him. Muriel got a divorce and married a richer man.

These misfortunes are almost too much for Howard's mother to bear. It seems to her so unfair that a man who has lost so much in the service of his country should also suffer heartbreak in domestic life. She wonders what she can do to help Howard readjust himself to his new life. He is 37, and was a lieutenant. His interests run to books and music.

habit of daily reading; headlines, articles from the digests, everything short and cheerful that you can find. After a while introduce passages from Shakespeare, Stevenson, the poets; things that uplift our hearts and stay with us.

Musie and Friends.

You say he is musical. If he plays the piano that will be an inexhaustible interest to him. Nothing of this will be easy at first, but you will get through the first hard stages, and eventually you will find that you have a busy, content, philosophical son restored to you, the tie between you being more tender and close than ever.

Remember that friends are a great consolation to anyone so temporarily handicapped. Ask the men he likes to drop in at all hours, and keep your tone away from pity. He will hate to be pitied. The more quietly and normally you take the situation the more quietly and normally he will.

Here is perhaps the most comforting thing I can say to you; ask anyone who knows anything about the blind and I believe you will find that it is true. Blind persons are almost invariably cheerful. Perhaps in their darkness they don't see much that is ugly and hateful in this world. Perhaps they see through some of the veils that are over our eyes.

Whatever the reason, thousands of totally blind persons lead active, useful, interested, and happy lives. His daughters may yet mean much to Howard. Married love may well come again into his life, and more fortunately. You will find that he does not complain; so don't you begin it.

I had a blind friend years ago who read, talked, wrote, played on the organ, walked, helped in the household and generally lived a more than ordinarily full life. We others were the "sighted people." "There's a lot you sighted people never see," he used to say pityingly.

The tie more tender and close...

Most Parlor Games Were Devised Centuries Ago

By ELIZABETH RANKIN

Chess, probably the most ancient indoor game, is essentially a matter of warfare in miniature—maybe that accounts for its continuous appeal! Certain it is that some variety of the chess idea is found in every most modern, from the most primitive to the most civilized. Dominoes on the other hand didn't turn up till the 18th century in Italy, getting their name from their resemblance to the black cloak known as the domino, while mah-jong goes back to about the time of Confucius.

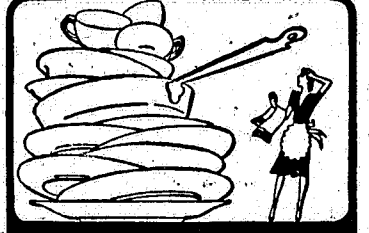
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11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon

Topic "Accouttuate the Positive."

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet

on Sunday evening in the chapel at

6:30 o'clock. Following the wor-

ship service, there will be a panel

discussion on the subject, "A Race

for Solutions."

The Ladies Club will meet on

Thursday afternoon at three o'clock

at the home of Mrs. Emma Van

Van. Mrs. Tibbets, Mrs. Van and

Mrs. Briggs will present a program

entitled, "Birthdays of Great Men."

There will be a meeting of the

Officers and Teachers of the

Church School at the Manse on

Thursday night at eight o'clock. In-

structive slides on "How Children

Learn" will be shown.

The Annual Church Supper and

Meeting will be held on Wednes-

day evening, January 31st. In ad-

dition to the regular meeting, there

will be a brief musical program,

and also a Reception in honor of

the new members received into our

church fellowship during the past

year.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie

Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship Service.

There will be a special "Crucade

For Christ" service. The members

of all church affiliated organiza-

tions are urged to be present at

this meeting.

6:30 Youth Fellowship meeting

at the home of Jerry Davis. Wil-

ma Bean and Violet Chretien are

program leaders.

There will be a short meeting of

the official board immediately af-

ter the morning service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at

10:45.

"Truth" is the subject of the Les-

son-Sermon that will be read in all

Churches of Christ, Scientist, on

Sunday, January 28.

The Golden Text is: "We can do

nothing against the truth, but for

the truth" (II Corinthians 13:8).

The citations from the Bible in-

clude the following passages:

"Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach

me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth,

and teach me: for thou art the God

of my salvation; on thee do I wait

all the day" (Psalms 24: 4-5).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes

the following selections from the

Christian Science textbook, Science

and Health with Key to the Scrip-

tures by Mary Baker Eddy: "To

seek Truth through belief in a hu-

man doctrine is not to understand

the infinite. We must not seek the

immutable and immortal through

the finite, mutable, and mortal, and

so depend upon belief instead of

demonstration, for this is fatal to

a knowledge of Science. The un-

derstanding of Truth gives full

faith in Truth and spiritual under-

standing is better than all burnt

offerings" (page 286: 1-5).

Testimonial meetings second

Wednesday of every month.

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Rev Franklin S. Keehlwetter

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Morning Worship, 10:30.

Sermon: "Discouraging Discourag-

ment" Text, Isaiah 40:31.

Sunday School 11:45

Young People, 7:30

Evening Service, 7:30

Mission Circle Tuesday evening

at Mrs. Swan's.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday at

the parsonage.

Young Peoples Meeting in Social

Hall, Thursday evening at 7:30.

Bible Club Friday afternoon.

Choir Rehearsal Friday evening.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

and Vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

There will be no Church services

or Sunday School at the Town

House until the first Sunday in

March because of the deep snow

and bad weather. Last Sunday the

service was held at Mr. Bruce's

with an attendance of seven.

Clyde Hall has employment in

the mill at Locke Mills.

Charlotte Scribner was a week

and guest at B. C. Lapham's.

Lillian Cash visited Mrs. Chris-

tine Rich Saturday.

Several young people from this

vicinity had a sliding party at

"Winding Hill" Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McAllister

and family were Sunday dinner

guests at Ray Lapham's.

Guy Perkins has been spending

several days at Ray Lapham's.

Clifton Pinkham was home from

Portland for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lapham and

children from Bath spent the week

end at Warren Lapham's.

Erle Stowe and Ben Inman sawed

wood for Mrs. Laura Pinkham Sat-

urday.

Erland and Patty Scribner were

at Ray Andrew's Friday evening.

Will McAllister, Jr. and son Del-

bert were at Ray Lapham's one

day recently.

Henry Luneau has employment

in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and

children were at Edwin Morrill's at

Bethel Saturday evening.

Sunday callers at Harlan Bumpus

were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and

children, Mrs. Virginia Lapham and

Mrs. Myrtle Keniston.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McAllister, Jr.

have returned home after spending

several weeks in Denmark.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Helen Newmarker and Ann Newmarker left Thursday after-

noon for Portland to attend the

wedding of Mrs. Newmarker's sis-

ter in Portland. They were brought

home Sunday by Mr. and Mrs.

Noyes of Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe were

in Portland Monday with potatoes

and brought back a load of coal

for Ernest Biebes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hastings and

O. B. Farwell were in Rumford Mon-

day.

Malcolm Farwell was home over

Sunday and with his parents

were guests of his sister, Mrs. Roy

Smith and family in Lovell, Sun-

day.

Mrs. Carrie Bartlett has gone to

Rumford to spend the remainder

of the winter with her daughter,

Mrs. Clifton Bean.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE

Alfred River Grange held a regu-

lar meeting Friday evening. Len-

dall Nevens was installed overseer

by Past Master Bernice Noyes. The

standing committees, finance, char-

ity and welfare were appointed.

Program: clippings read by mem-

bers; Feather blowing contest,

Lewis Curtis, Stephen Abbott

against Carolyn Noyes and Lendall

Nevens. It ended as a tie; picture

taking game, by all.

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

The Star Birthday Club met at

the home of Mrs. Annie Bryant, Jan-

uary 18 with Mrs. Florence Bean,

Mrs. Virginia Cole and Mrs. Elsie

Bryant as hostesses. Guessing con-

tests and a social time were en-

joyed. Refreshments were served

by the hostesses. The February

meeting will be held at the home

of Mrs. Sylvia Judkins.

Mrs. Nellie Sweet, who has been

visiting her daughter, Mrs. Norman

Wescott and family at Bethel has